

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0632-02
Bill No.: HB 287
Subject: Elections; County Officials
Type: Original
Date: January 15, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **St. Louis County Board of Election Commission** assume depending on the size of the election, 2-6 additional temporary workers may need to be hired to assist with ballot processing. This additional staffing cost would be charged to the participating entities in the election.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission** assume a potential for savings from poll site consolidation based on absentee utilization. The Platte County Board of Election Commission anticipates the following costs: 2 part time staff members during absentee voting - \$5,000, 10 absentee processing judges over 2 days - \$2,000, additional absentee ballot printing - \$500, additional absentee envelopes - \$500, and additional postage - \$3,350, for a total cost of \$11,350.

Officials at the **Lincoln County Clerk's Office** assume this proposal may lead to slightly higher costs incurred each election due to the possibility of increased absentee ballot applications, absentee ballots mailed or voted in office, and absentee ballots to be processed on Election Day. These costs should be minimal and would not be expected to go over \$2,000 per election which is substantially lower than any form of early voting that has been proposed in previous years.

Oversight assumes the number of additional individuals that qualify under this proposal would be minimal, therefore the local election authorities could cover any costs by using existing resources.

Officials at the **Monroe County Clerk's Office** and the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their respective organizations.

Officials at the following boards of election commission: Kansas City Board of Election Commission, St. Louis City Board of Election Commission, Clay County Board of Election Commission, and Jackson County Board of Election Commission did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

Officials at the following counties: Andrew, Atchison, Audrain, Barry, Bollinger, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Cole, Cooper, DeKalb, Dent, Franklin, Greene, Holt, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lawrence, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, New Madrid, Nodaway, Ozark, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Francois, Taney, Warren, Wayne and Worth did not respond to **Oversight's** request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

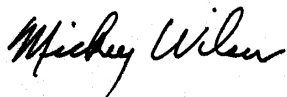
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Monroe County Clerk's Office
Platte County Board of Election Commission
Lincoln County Clerk's Office
St. Louis County Board of Election Commission
Office of the Secretary of State



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